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HOUSE MEMORIAL 97

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY HOW TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE CUMULATIVE AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF ITS DECISIONS AND HOW TO DETERMINE AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPACTS OF ITS DECISIONS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, one of New Mexico's strengths and highest qualities is the unique nature of its traditional communities and the way of life of residents within those communities; and

WHEREAS, the decisions made by the department of environment in permitting or otherwise approving facilities in or near those communities may significantly affect the traditional values and lifestyles of the communities; and

WHEREAS, the department of environment does not have a systematic manner for taking into account the effects that its

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1 decisions have on communities and the residents of those
2 communities;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
5 of environment study how to effectively address the cumulative
6 and social impacts of its decisions and how to determine and
7 take into account the impacts of its decisions on the quality
8 of life of residents of communities; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include the legality
10 and feasibility of adopting rules that will require the
11 department of environment to consider the cumulative and social
12 impacts of proposed decisions on New Mexico's communities; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be submitted to the
14 appropriate interim legislative committee no later than
15 December 15, 2007; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the department of environment.